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THE DEPOT TOWN RAG

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May 1982

Depot Town Association

Next regular meeting
Thursday, April 20 7:30 p.m.
in DTA Caboose,
400 Market Place

Depot Town Retail Merchants

Next regular meeting
Tuesday, April 18 7:30 p.m.
in DTA Caboose

DEPOT TOWN'S LEADING LADY HONORED BY PLAYERS

Beverly Shankwiler is being recognized this month by the Ypsilanti Players in their May 7th event at Eastern Michigan University's Hoyt Conference Center ... aptly called "Leading Ladies." Theatrical as that title may seem, it certainly fits this dynamic leader of our Depot Town District, who along with her husband, Don, moved into and renovated 52 East Cross Street, more universally known as the Artrain Building.

Our Leading Lady

Bev and Don led the movement against the long-time problem of absentee landlords which had helped drag this old commercial district to its then miserable condition in 1971. The first arrival of the Michigan Artrain focused the community's attention on the Depot Town District ... and the community winced.

Not Beverly. Being a sculptor at EMU's art department, a first floor commercial property looked like just the place for her welding shop. "What the hell?" (No apologies. That sounds just like her.) "Let's sell the goddamn house and move in!"

15 Tons of trash, boiler plate and plaster later, Bev was acting as general contractor for motorcyclists and Central Bar-flys. Her previous career in nursing made her a tough task-mistress and her family of six was enlarged to include carpenters, electricians, plasterers, and every passer-by who stared in disbelief at this nice little middle-class family moving to a central-city tenement.

Several work sessions saw the Shankwiler's repair to the Alibi Bar across the street where Don, after a long day's teaching in Wayne-Westland, would often leave Beverly in the company of owner Jerry French. Jerry and Bev shared a common vision for the neighborhood and over the corner of that ancient Oliver House bar was born the concept of the Depot Town Association. Jerry became the first D.T.A. president, with Beverly looking over his shoulder and pushing him all the way to City Hall.

Using the first floor of her own gallery space may have been Bev's initial concept for number fifty-two, but after the construction mess was finally controlled and cleaned up, it seemed everyone in the country wanted to get in to see it, meet in it, dream in it and revel in its elegance and uniqueness. All that attention quickly got Bev elected the second D.T.A. president in 1976. Her next projects became such items as constitution writing, incorporating the block with the State of Michigan, giving the Chamber of Commerce a "Frankenmuth pitch" which might have sold better to third generation Rhinelanders, and developing a working relationship with the City of Ypsilanti.

After years of being the second-class, around-the-corner district, Depot Town finally re-entered the City ... in the person of Beverly Shankwiler attending every Council, Commission and Committee meeting in town ... if she thought it would do any good for her newly adopted neighborhood. The pay-off came with the acceptance of funds through the Community Development Department for the hiring of Richard Macias and Preservation/Urban/Design/Incorporated to study and print a master renovation plan for the Depot Town district.

The *Depot Town Plan,* which grew under Beverly's artistic eye would become more than just a lot of helpful suggestions and sentimental thoughts. In August, 1977, the *Depot Town Plan* was declared adopted by the Ypsilanti City Planning Commission. Beverly, by now involved in much more than one old building in one old neighborhood, was also a member of that commission. She politely abstained ... and the resolution was enthusiastically adopted. In September, 1977, the City Council did "enthusiastically concur ... and lend its support to the concept and final goals outlined by the plan." In 1978 the City established a more-than-six-hundred-property Historic District with Depot Town as its hub and such long-range district-wide planning became an ordinance. Beverly, of course, was appointed commissioner to that Historic District concept and the rest, as they say, is history.

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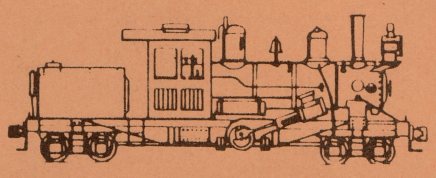
RAG REPORT

We know what you're thinking. 'They've gone back to the longer page for this rag, eh? Last month's looked too businesslike contrasting with the loose and aloof style they like to project, huh? Couldn't get all their little cute, corny cartoons, cockney crosswords and continuously critical commentaries in last month's "shorter" edition? No room to conceive chronically corroberating crusades? Not enough casual so-called literary conversation? Can't compose collections of commercial commentary claiming a compulsive chorus of coincidentally casual yet hopefully captivating categories? claiming difficulty conceiving a conforming composure in the capricious columniation of this chronically low key classroom clipsheet? Is that what's crowding your cranium, cupcake?

Thought so. We hope you call it kind of comfortable, and of course, your credible comments, critiques and correspondence are constantly encouraged.



CITY UNANIMOUSLY BACKS BEST OF ... CONCERT

Depot Towners turned out in force at the Tuesday, April 6th City Council meeting to show support for the June 12th Frog Island Jazz Concert and to secure permission and licenses to serve beer and wine. About twenty merchants and property owners showed up and spoke their piece, and then broke out in spontaneous applause when Council unanimously approved all licensing and gave the green light for the open air concert. Many city employees praised the unity in this neighborhood and favorably commented on the optimistic and realistic goals that are being strived for.

• Miller's Ice Cream expects a cool reception to their recently installed central air conditioning. Guess where everybody's going to be through the hot summer months?

• Paul Fetters of River Art Works is distributing a flyer showing all of Depot Town's buildings and the businesses that reside in them. If you have not received yours to distribute to your customers, see Paul Fetters. (Helen Waite is our complaint manager ...)

• Angle parking update: The city has issued a resounding "no" to our request for angle parking on E. Cross. Next move is to the State level, which may o.k. the parking change on one side of the block.

• Congratulations to 5th Ward Councilman Pete Murdock on being elected Mayor Pro-tem of Ypsilanti.

• A bridal shower was the occasion when the D.T.A. Caboose was "streaked" last April 10th by two familiar Depot Town *faces*.

• The Historic East Side Association is once again sponsoring its annual "Walking Tour" of the East Side and the Hutchinson Mansion. All interested "Walking Tourists" are encouraged to meet at the Depot on Sunday, May 9th, or Saturday, May 15th at 2:00 p.m. There is no charge for this popular event."

• From a book of Ypsilanti souvenir postcards dated 1921 - "Ypsilanti is a beautiful little city, twenty-nine miles west of Detroit, on the Michigan Central Railroad.

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"Ypsi" is most favorably located between the second and fourth cities of the United States, and has excellent transportation facilities, also a very good water supply. The world renowned Ray Battery is manufactured here. The beautiful parks, well-paved streets, handsome residences, and public buildings are noteworthy."

• A great new Heritage Festival feature has AMTRAK bringing Detroiters from the downtown Depot, and dropping them off at the Ypsi Depot - right in the middle of 100,000 people!

• Not getting older-getting better department. Happy May birthdays to Bud Forbes of Forbes Cleaners, Kathy Sorenson of Shear Genius, Shirley Kornilakus of the Treasure Shop, John Kornilakus of the Old Town, Loren Hanson, Jr. of Standard Printing, and Robert Putman of Washtenaw Cartage.

• Since the Freight House was opened with the Farmers' Market as its primary tenants, more folks have walked through than in the 110 years since it was built.

RAGTIME

• Everybody was a winner at the WEMU 1st Annual May Day Auction. Merchants who donated quality merchandise as well as the folks who bid all agree the big winner was WEMU - raising $6,000 to keep the public radio station on the air.

• Rumors are that the flying Wallendas will return to this year's Heritage Festival and will, in a death-defying act of bravery, drive a school bus across the Cross Bridge as thousands recoil in fear.

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• The Heritage Foundation announces the return of their annual Flower Sale featuring flats of marigolds, petunias and impatiens. Saturday, May 15th, on the corner of Huron and E. Cross next to Old Town Hall.

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• Time to feed the planter boxes! Each year everybody on the block donates a buck or two and flowers are purchased for the planters. See Sally Richie who is organizing this spring project.

• The Ypsilanti-Depot Town Recycling Center celebrated two years of recycling on Saturday, May 1st at the Farmers' Market with displays, a slide show and more.

• To those who should know not to believe everything they read on April Fool's Day ... A MacDonald's is *not* going to open in the Depot. Spokespersons say that there would be too much competition for their clown. Special thanks to Depot Town Study architect Dick Macias for the great sketch.

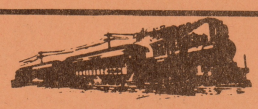
• Merchants and property owners: It's time to get your building improvement estimates and proposals together as we will soon be ready to jointly apply for the approved matching funds program for facade improvements. Rex Richie and Pete Murdock will be glad to assist.

• Depot Town is being explored as a possible sight for the home base of an operational, 101 foot long, 100 ton steam locomotive! Anybody know where we can get 1600 gallons of water and 22 tons of coal?

• The archives of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum offers a fascinating chronology of Ypsilanti History from 1787 through 1875. Compiled by City Historian Foster Fletcher, the volume sells for a reasonable three dollars.

• We wish Jim Kane good luck in his new position at the Ann Arbor News. His articles on Depot Town over the last few years have found their way into quite a few private archives. Welcome to his replacement Susan Oppat. In our own Ypsilanti Press, Dave Miller continues to pen the outstanding articles we read pertaining to Depot Town and the news that breaks from this block.

• Ypsilanti Mayor Hizzoner George Goodman "broke ground" to begin renovation projects at Riverside Park. Completion is set for the end of June.



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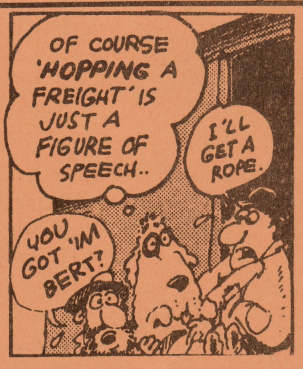

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BEST OF ... JAZZ READY TO GO ON FROG ISLAND

As the 1981-82 Depot Town WEMU Winter Jazz Series draws to its inevitable close, everybody is anxious for the scoop on the big finale at Frog Island. The question heard most from visitors who aren't that familiar with our neck of the woods is "Where the heck *is* Frog Island?" Patience. First, let us ascertain the answers to what the heck is *happening* on Frog Island.

On Saturday, June 12th the Depot Town Association and WEMU Radio are once again joining forces to bring to Depot Town the 1982 Best of the DTA/WEMU Winter Jazz Series. From 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Frog Island will host an assemblage of the finest jazz and blues groups anywhere. Performing at the day-long open air concert will be:

11:00 a.m. — the 30-piece Washtenaw Community College Jazz Ensemble
1:00 p.m. — Misbehavin'
3:00 p.m. — The Alberta Adams Quintet
6:00 p.m. — The Marcus Belgrave Septet
9:00 p.m. The Lymon Woodard Organization

The 35' stage *and* island lighting will be handled by Depot Town's own Fantasy Lighting, staging and sound by Aerial Sound, and the production manager is Everett Armstrong. Rex Richie and his Depot Town Volunteer Bartenders will be on hand for your imbibing pleasure, and Jerry Meadows (Depot Town's King of exotic cuisine) has assembled a group of area restauranteurs for the food concessions.

Ticket prices for the day-long festival are only $5.00 in advance, and $6.00 the day of the concert. All proceeds from this major event go to furthering the renovation of Depot Town and to keep public radio station WEMU deservedly first on your dial. Tickets are available at all Depot Town merchants, Schoolkids Records in Ann Arbor, and also by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $5.00 for each ticket to Jazz Tickets, 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197.

In charge of ticket distribution are Bonnie Rosen-Fine and Paul Fetters; Construction, John Waite; Manpower, Steve Gross; Security, Tom Dodd; Signs and Publicity, Carolyn McKeever; Food Concessions, Jerry Meadows; Beer and Wine Concession, Rex Richie; and Clean-up, Grace Sweeney and Renee Hochradel. General Chairmen of the concert are Greg Hochradel of the Depot Town Association and Jim Dulzo of WEMU Radio.

Serious volunteers are still needed to help throughout the day in shifts. If you would like to lend ahand, contact Greg Hochradel, Tom Dodd or Steve Gross. Two rain dates have been confirmed just in case. Sunday, June 13th, and the following Saturday, June 19th.

Now. Just where is Frog Island? Well, you know those narrow concrete steps on the north side of Cross St. just east of the bridge? They lead down to Frog Island, bordered in part by the Huron River. When the trees and the foilage are in full bloom, Frog Island can barely be seen from the street. Even though we can't predict the weather, you can count on the Depot Town/WEMU Jazz Concert being *hot!*

NEW MEMBERS JOIN DTA

The DTA is proud that in the last 8 weeks we can boast 17 new members. Your tax deductible membership fee goes towards the renovation of Depot Town and lends great moral support. Thanks and welcome to new members.

Mr & Mrs. Alvin Richie
Ms. Linda Klenczar
Mr. Gene G. Fries
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Mr. & Mrs. George McCreedy
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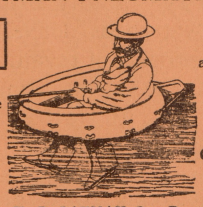

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CROSSING THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT

Last month's *RAG* announced the plan to renovate the Cross Street Bridge over the Huron River and next month's may well announce Ferry Service to the West Side. City forces jumped right in to install an unsightly guard rail between the sidewalk and street on both sides of the bridge. Only after cutting FORTY holes through the concrete, did they discover there is nothing underneath to hold the new rail posts. The earth-filled vaults have either settled or leaked since 1910 and new solutions are being sought. City Council stopped the project before any more damage was done and engineers are "studying" the problem.

City Manager Van Whaler holds Community Services Director Richard Willer directly responsible, and we just might be seeing him one morning at the Depot waiting to catch the "Adios Special."

Meantime, what are we to do with the forty useless holes cut in the bridge's sidewalks by city engineers?

We polled "Rag Readers" who already have ideas for the recent debacle: Plant trees and flowers in the forty openings; fill the void with excity engineers; restrict the bridge to foot and bike traffic only; or the overwhelming favorite, use the openings as porta-johns for the June 12 Frog Island Jazz Fest. On a more serious note, the mistake has been made and the holes should be *completely* covered or filled before a serious accident occurs. A ten mile per hour speed limit is now in force and will be *enforced* on the bridge.

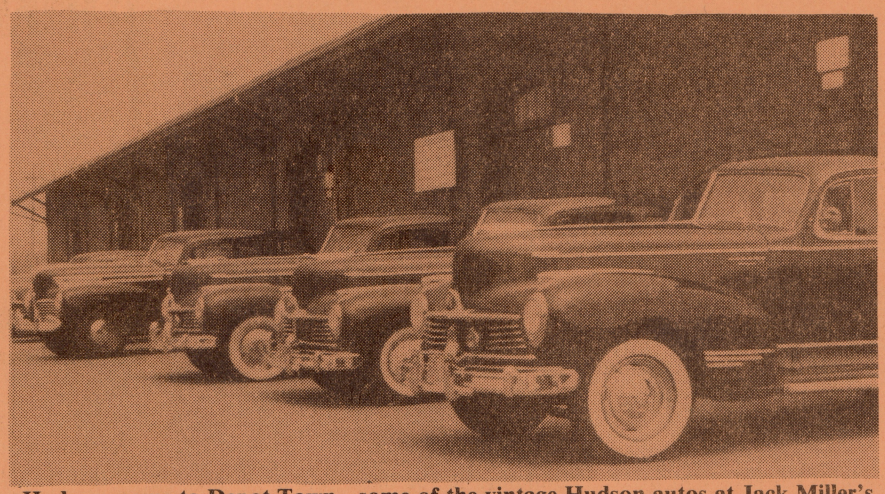
... TRY, TRY AGAIN

The first attempt at our annual Spring Clean-up was (believe it or not) cancelled because of snow. The second was scheduled for April 11th. No good. Easter. The next attempt was going to be May 9th. Mother's Day.

We have a final date now. We've dealt with the bubbies, the bunnies and blizzards and have scheduled our Depot Town Spring Clean-up for Sunday, May 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers are asked once again to meet at the Depot with essentials like rakes and brooms and hoes and Stroh's.

All of May is clean-up month in Ypsilanti. Let's see if we can't stretch it through the year.



Hudsons come to Depot Town - some of the vintage Hudson autos at Jack Miller's Apr. meeting of the Hudson Essex Terreplane Club at the Freight House.

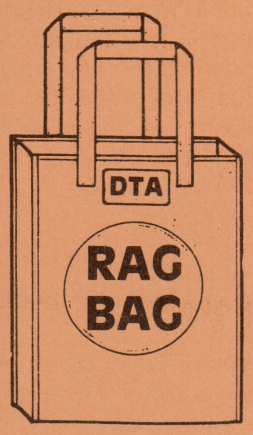
• Feeling poorly? Run down? Out of sorts? Well, bunky, the Health Emporium at 19 E. Cross can help. Simply by cutting a lock of your hair and letting the Emporium have it analyzed, can determine your body's nutritional deficiencies. They can then recommend the vitamins, minerals and foods you need when the get up and go has got up and left. They have also started to carry the Dr. Donbasch line of vitamins.

• Don't forget that Saturday, May 8th, many Depot Town businesses will be open following the last of Winter Jazz Series Concerts from midnight til 2:00 a.m. for Midnite Madness. We're mad enough to shop and save at that late hour. Here's a partial list of the stores that will be open:

And Everything Nice, 27 E. Cross. 20% off all clothing and 10% off toys.

Miller's Ice Cream, 42 E. Cross. Midnite Sundaes, 99¢ regular $1.39. Midnight til 2:00 a.m.

River Art Works, 48 E. Cross. 25% off all complete framing orders. Pick up one of the gorgeous orange on black Jazz Series posters for a buck at the concert, and take advantage of R.A.W.'s "Midnight Offerings."

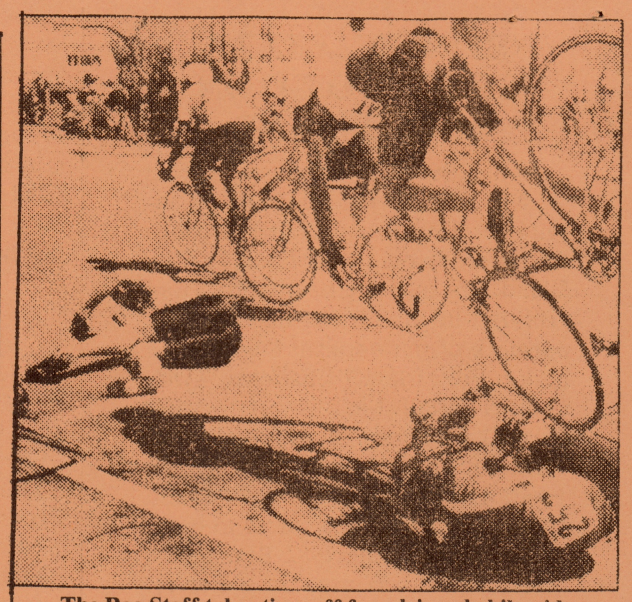


A guide to unique items and special sales in Depot Town Shops.

• Craft makers and craft-class takers will be interested in Rosemary's Corner's new location at 15 E. Cross next to Forbes Cleaners and Depot Mailbox. Her grand re-opening sale offers slashed prices on craft supplies, ribbon, silk flowers and yarn.

• Depot Exchange Antiques at 54 E. Cross has a quantity of "type trays" selling at $12.00 each.

• Spin the wheel of Aubree's Saloon for a chance at a free lunch til 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



The Rag Staff takes time off for a leisurely bike ride.

AEROBICS ... PART II

For those who missed out on the first 6-week Aerobics Class in the Freight House, Linda Lemke announces the forming of a new class to begin June 1st. This most recent class will meet on either Wednesdays, Saturdays, or both, depending on the response.

Much the same as the first class concluding in May, the cost will be minimal and will be determined by the number of those who sign up. If you have any questions or wish to register, exercise that index finger and call Linda at 485-8865.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS CONVENE

A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST for neighborhood organizations is planned by one of the newly formed Ypsilanti Area Futures Task Forces. Local neighborhood associations striving to boost their blocks will share ideas, techniques and concerns at the Hutchinson House (High Scope Educational Research Foundation) at the corner of North River Street and Forest Avenue at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 13. Other than an excellent opportunity to see the interior of Ypsilanti's most ostentatious residence, the groups will discuss membership, publications, incorporation and tax exempt status, promotion and contact networks. In addition to D.T.A. and our neighbors, the Historic East Side Association, other groups expected to participate include the Downtown Development Authority, the Historic South Side Association, the West Cross Street Association and the newly forming Mid-Town Association. Both residential and commercial interests are encouraged to take part. Groups not yet organized, but desiring to form, may wish to attend also. Reservations are not necessary. Just bring your friends and neighbors.

RIVER STREET WATERBEDS

To repeat what we said in last month's "Rag Report", the best of all news is when a new business opens up on our block. Doing just that is the River Street Waterbed Company, owned by Dave Doty and managed by Doug Oakes. Located at 310 N. River, Dave and Doug are "pooling" their years of experience and will be offering a complete line of waterbeds and accessories, including complete bedding, bedroom furniture, wall hangings and lots more.

Dealing with reasonably priced, highest quality waterbeds, Dave and Doug are in the process of revamping the shop's interior featuring a multi-level floor plan with individual bedroom-like display areas.

Be sure to visit Depot Town's newest shop and welcome River Street Waterbeds to the District!

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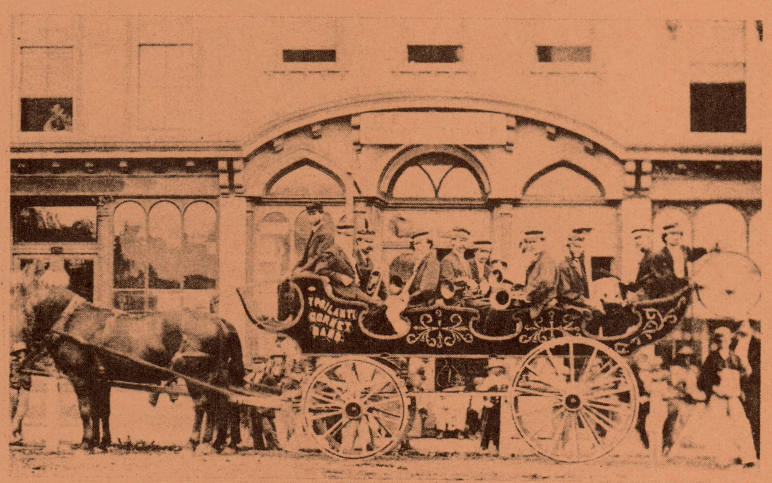

Ypsilanti Cornet Band in 1899. Buildings in the background are presently the Artrain, and the Depot Exchange Antiques on the left.

HON'S FLOWERS AND GIFTS
46 E. Cross
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Answers to G.W.N.T.A.D.

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Donation	Sensation	Piston	Attention	Escape	Special
Dictation	Deposit	Inspection	Teapot	Passion	Dentist

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JAZZ SERIES NOTES

So you think it's all over with the last scheduled concert featuring Ragtime Charley and Sister Kate on May 8th? Wrong, hot licks. June 12th at Frog Island will carry us through until the August Heritage Festival, where Jazz enthusiasts will surely get their fill in a three-day marathon of Jazz and Blues at its finest. The first two days will be a repeat of last year's highly successful Jazz competition, featuring the same excellent quality we've become accustomed to. $1,500 will go to the 1st Place winners and there will be no admission charge. The third day, Sunday, will bring some nationally-known names in Jazz to Depot Town, with the tentative admission charge set at $1.00. The main change from last year's will be the location. We have already outgrown the enormous tent that was erected on the Farmers' Market grounds last year — this year we'll cook on Frog Island. The Rag will keep you up to date as developments are finalized.

• Everybody has noticed that each of the Winter Jazz Series Concerts have been recorded. They will be played in the near future on WEMU. The possibilities of an album were explored but decidedly impractical.

• Thanks to all of those on, off, and around the stage, who have made the 1st Annual Depot Town/WEMU Winter Jazz Series a success. If you have any comments or suggestions, feel free to drop us a "note" at 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti 48197. See you on Frog Island!

DEPOT TOWN COLLEGE OF TRIVIAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What two Presidents addressed Ypsilanti citizens from the back of a caboose at the Depot?
   - A) Andrew Johnson and Ulysses S. Grant
   - B) Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy
   - C) Thomas Dewey and Harry S. Truman
   - D) Gerry French and Carolyn McKeever

2. The "Lewis Horse Exchange" was located at 54 E. Cross, presently occupied by the Depot Ex change Antiques. What kind of business was the Horse Exchange?
   - A) Saddle and Feed Store
   - B) Gambling Hall
   - C) Livestock Brockerage
   - D) Pawn Shop

3. Mark Norris was responsible for building several of the existing structures in Depot Town. He arrived in Ypsilanti in 1827 from where and by what method?
   - A) New York; train
   - B) Ann Arbor; horse
   - C) Chicago; handtruck
   - D) Detroit; walked

4. In what year was the building that stood in the open space between Jim MacDonald's Antiques and the Egale's Hall destroyed and how?
   - A) 1885; fire
   - B) 1920; flooding
   - C) 1960; explosion-fire
   - D) 1945; aircraft mishap
   - E) both A and C

Answers:

1) A; 2) B; 3) D; 4) E
(The structure was rebuilt after the first fire.)

GAMES WE'LL NEVER TRY AGAIN DEPARTMENT.

How many words of 6 or more letters can you find in

DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION

No tenses - no plurals. Answers elsewhere.

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CITY MANAGER VISITS DEPOT TOWN

Thursday, April 8th saw (we promised not to call him "new" after April) City Manager, Van G. Whaler tour Depot Town for his first real introduction to the district. In that short walk from City Hall, Whaler trudged through Riverside Park and Frog Island, then down the tracks to the Freight House and Caboose. After lunch at the Sidetrack, he met most of the business folk in their shops.

Three things were clearly evident in those thirty or more interviews: (1) Depot Towners are proud of their recent successes and eager to share with others; (2) Depot Towners are heavily committed to each other and to projects and promotions within their neighborhood; and, (3) Depot Towners are very much awre of the problems and issues which face the entire city.

The day's topics included taxes, historic preservation, recycling, community development, police, parking, bridge rehabilitation, park improvements, alleyways, Heritage Festival and more. These neighbors certainly do not wallow in self-interest, but are involved in a community much broader than this small block. We doubt Whaler will find a more enthusiastic group of merchants anywhere in the City.

AMTRAK REP'S VISIT: RESTAURANT PLANS PROGRESS

Depot Town and several of its intimates hosted AMTRAK Real Estate Department representatives John Turpin and Luba Drahosz recently, who came to town to kick off discussions regarding the "Save the Depot" restaurant project.

Their first meeting, which also included Tom Dodd, developer's rep. Chuck Lauer, architect Denis Schmeideke, John Waite, and a prospective restaurant operator, proved to be a session of idea development, wherein the AMTRAK posture seemed quite positive and cooperative. AMTRAK rep John Turpin said that they were obviously unwilling to "give away the store", but was very open and cooperative in examining several alternatives offered.

A second meeting, after a tour of the Depot Town area, was held at City Hall, with Mr. Van Whaler, Sue Remain, Nathalie Edmunds, Ms. Jane Bird, Carolyn McKeever, and several other interested parties. Various matters of mutual interest were discussed.

At this point, no firm details are available for publication, and there are many questions in need of response, numerous details to be worked out, but the concensus among the involved parties seems to firmly be that we're on the right track; and the enthusiasm for positive progress is evident.

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Since that time, Bev has watched the rest of us toil according to her plan. Her Depot Town Digs quickly became a "new tradition" for the neighborhood. New owners contemplating moving into their buildings found her an eager enthusiast and booster for the block. Her enormous story and half Christmas tree brought sparkles to the eyes of all when Bev and Don invited the whole world into their home each Holiday Season. Theirs became the center of a new community.

Just two years ago, Beverly received leave from EMU to pursue another degree in art at Bowling Green State University. In the midst of that demanding undertaking she was stricken with a near fatal aneurism and suffered great damage and loss of memory. In the months of recuperation to follow, Beverly could hear the power saws and hammering throughout the neighborhood. Served her right. She started it. Those creative sounds accompanied the constant rumble of passenger and freight trains as they rolled past the Shankwiler's Artrain building.

Fifty-two East Cross will stand much longer now, the proud precursor of historic preservation in this Nineteenth Century community. Beverly's talents and enthusiasm led the way for saving "this pile of bricks" and that spirit now lives through the Depot Town Association, the Depot Town Retail Merchants, the Depot Town Foundation, and all the thousands who celebrate the annual Heritage Festival which centers in the block. Current urban preservationists follow trails well marked by Beverly Shankwiler.

Bev is back; and bolder than ever. So is Depot Town, thanks to her.

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